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I don't agree with the proposed settlement. It would, effectively, reward Microsoft by seeding one of the few markets they don't already own with their own software. This is not a punishment to them for their illegal practices. It is something they would dearly love to do on their own. The concept of funding underprivileged schools is a good one, but only if Microsoft's contribution is in hardware only. The software should come from the open source community. This would insure that future upgrades to the software could be made at a minimal cost, and would not lock the schools into the current costly Microsoft upgrade treadmill.

Having had to pay for unwanted MS operating systems preloaded on PCs, only to have to wipe it out to install my preferred software, I think it's wrong to reward MS for what has been found in a court of law to be illegal practices.

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